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In re the Application of: KAWAKAMI, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1722

Serial No.: 09/557,176

Examiner: NGUYEN, Thukhanh T.

Filed: April 21, 2000

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 6524

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BODY AND THUS FORMED VESSEL BODY

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

October 14, 2003

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

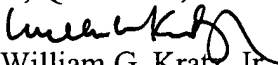
	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	7	20	=		X \$9	X \$18	
Independent Claims	5	3	=	2	X \$42	X \$84	\$ 84.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$140	280	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:							\$ 84.00

XX Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$ 84.00 for the additional claims fee in connection with this amendment.

XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 15, 2003**, extended to **October 15, 2003** by a **three (3)** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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